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CROOK COUNTY.

Its Wealth of Natural Resources.

The Mineral Outlook.

Agricultural Possibilities Are Almost Unlimited in this County.

Not many months will elapse before the world will be made aware that there is such a place as Crook county. For many years the great body of fine agricultural land lying in the Haystack country was thought to be unproductive and for that reason no one located on it, but it has been found to be otherwise and now one of the most productive places in the county is this same condemned strip of territory. Nor is this all the good soil in the county by any means, for over in the Squaw creek country settlers are filing on nearly everything in sight and soon there will be no more tracts left open for settlement that are good for anything but grazing purposes. Out on the "desert" the numerous ditches will soon be pouring a flood of water onto soil that will produce any kind of hardy vegetable and all kinds of grain and grasses. Taken with the already large acreage along Crooked river that is covered with water at the present time and we have an aggregation of farming land that will make this one of the grain counties of the state in the future.

Again let us look at some of the other resources of this county that are practically untouched as yet. First we have a large body of fine timber on the mountains northeast of us that will bring in many dollars of solid wealth when that part of the country is opened up by a railroad, then over to the south of us in the Cascade mountains are almost inexhaustible supplies of the finest timber that yet remains in these United States, which is now being filed on by big milling companies from the eastern states and soon the hum of the sawmill will be heard in the heart of the forest. Sheep, cattle and horses on a thousand hills bring in the golden shekels annually to the pockets of the husbandman.

To the northwest we find the mineral belt in which the now well known Oregon King mine is located; this belt will soon have a dozen well developed mines that will be bringing in good returns for the money invested and follow-up the same range of mountains in which this mineral deposit is located we safely predict that it will not be many years until one may hear the dull thud of stamps from one summit to another. The Ochoco mines are now well under way and soon will be numbered among the producing mines of the northwest. The late discovery of oil croppings will no doubt prove to be valuable and it now only remains to get a railroad and cheap transportation for this county to be of the best in the state. Railroads are heading this way and somewhere within the boundaries of this county will spring up one of the best towns in the west. Will this be Prineville or will there be

another some where near enough to kill the present town? If all remains for the present owners of real estate in the town to decide. If a spirit of liberality pervades the owners minds they will have ample opportunity to build up and make a snug little sum out of what they have, but if they are selfish and grasping to a degree then they would better bid farewell to the hope of attaining to anything but a small backwoods village for the town will be some where else and property values will run down until town lots will not bring ten dollars an acre. "There is a tide in the affairs of men which taken at the flood leads on to fortune" is just as applicable to towns as individuals.

Sentenced for Three years.

Thomas and Lewis Dodson, brothers, arrested some three months ago on a charge of making and passing counterfeit dollars, and half dollars, and who entered a plea of not guilty when examined, on being arraigned in the United States Court for trial, changed their plea to guilty, and were each sentenced by Judge Bellingier to three years imprisonment at hard labor in the United States penitentiary on McNeil's island, and fined \$100. George Duffy, a member of the same gang, who had pleaded guilty when examined, was sentenced to imprisonment for one year and fined \$10. But little is known of the antecedents of these criminals, but they have been residents of this state for several years, and are old and hardened offenders. Lewis Dodson and Duffy have served time for counterfeiting before, and Thomas Dodson, who was equally guilty, was saved by his brother screening him.—Oregonian.

The Dodsons formerly ran a photograph gallery in Lebanon. One of them had a pretty wife who made a mash on a wealthy old rancher and got a divorce from her husband, married the old duffer and in a few weeks got a divorce and \$1500 from him and the re-married her former husband. The whole outfit were a lot of worthless characters; another brother got freed from the S. P. section gang and then went to southern Oregon and started a populist paper. A number of specimens of their handiwork have been found in this part of the state at different times during the past two or three years.

Well Deserved Censure.

Fred Wilmarth of the Burns News, seconds the Dalles Chronicle in its righteous calling down of the Oregonian in this fashion; "The habit of fussing at the editorial page of the Oregonian has become so chronic with the Chronicle, of The Dalles, that one becomes inclined to 'pass it up.' But when Brother Gourlay vented his Gaelic ire at the big daily's unjust personal criticism of President McKinley for bringing his ailing wife on a tour of 'official visitation' this rag, for one, joins him in the sentiment." By the way Fred runs the newest little sheet in the greatest valley in eastern Oregon.

The President has determined that, under existing circumstances, he will not call an extra session of congress this summer.

MODOCS AT HOME

On the Quapaw Reservation, Indian Ter.

Only Twelve Men Left.

Blame Klamaths for Their Misfortunes in the War of 1873.

E. A. Burbank, in the Chicago Evening Post writes from Quapaw Agency, Indian Territory, about the last of the Modoc Indians, as follows:

The Modocs who took part in the Modoc war in the lava beds of Southern Oregon were sent here as prisoners immediately after the Modoc war, and fifty of them are still living, including men, women and children. There are only twelve men, and all took part in the war. Captain Jack, their chief, and three other Indians were hanged. Captain Jack's sister, who is called Princess Mary, lives here. Her chin is tattooed with straight lines running from her mouth to below her chin, as a sign of mourning for her brother.

Two of the Modoc chiefs sat for portraits for me. It is interesting to hear them relate their experience during the war. Chief Yellow Hammer, who is sitting for me in Modoc costume, says the Klamath Indians was the cause of the trouble. He declares they deceived the Modocs and the whites. The Klamath Indians would kill cattle belonging to the whites and then would tell the whites the Modocs did it. Chief Lalow-sheus, or Miller Charlie, as he is called by the whites, asserts that the cause of the Modoc war was that the Modocs were starving, that the agent did not furnish them food due them and that their chief, Captain Jack, notified the agent that if it was not sent at a certain time they would be compelled to leave the reservation and fish and hunt to obtain food, which they finally did, and it resulted in war.

I asked Chief Yellow Hammer if they had good weapons. He replied: "Yes; as good as the soldiers," and that Capt. Jack had plenty of money made from selling skins, etc., and had furnished them with all the ammunition they needed. He says that before the fight Capt. Jack called all his Indians together and explained to them how matters stood, and then told them that all who wished to fight for the Modocs should come over on his side. Chief Yellow Hammer says that about 300, including men and squaws, went to Capt. Jack's side. The Modocs here are quite industrious—more so than any of the other tribes living on the reservation. Each man has forty acres of land. The older people receive rations once a month.

It Is Now Colonel Hanna.

Senator M. A. Hanna has been appointed a colonel on the official staff of General Ransier commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. Hanna was recently mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of Memorial Post of Cleveland, O.

On Wednesday June 5 at 8.30 p. m. at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Ketchum, Mr. Otto Gray and Miss Jessie Ketchum were united in marriage by the Rev. Wm. Hoskins. About fifty guests were present; being the immediate relatives and schoolmates of the contracting parties. Miss Grace Belknap presided at the piano and rendered the wedding march nicely. The bride was attired in a beautiful gown of white albatross. After congratulations a dainty lunch was served and afterwards the newly wedded pair were serenaded by a number of their young friends. The groom had prepared a snug little home for his bride before the wedding where they have taken up their abode. The Journal unites with their many friends in wishing this estimable young couple all manner of blessings and may their lives be as sweet as was the bountiful share of wedding cake received by editor.

The wedding presents and the donors were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gray, a flour and kitchen table; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rowell, silver tea set; Miss Grace Belknap, butter knife and sugar shell; Edgar and Grace Stewart, table linen and napkins; Harvey Cyrus, silver tea spoons; Mr. and Mrs. Hunsaker, parlor lamp; A. H. Lipmann, Brussels rug; Bruce Gray, writing desk; Cary Foster, two large frame pictures; Mr. and Mrs. Breese, berry set; Miss Mary Saloman, plates, cups and saucers; Miss Emma Ketchum, two pairs of lace curtains; Dr. and Mrs. Belknap, bedroom set; the Belknap boys gave four poems; Roy Gray, water set; Goldie Gray, castor; John Summer two mush sets; L. A. Booth, silver knives and forks; Lizzie Ketchum, butter dishes and cake plate; R. Ketchum, lamp; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Johnson, mirror and reading chair; Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett, commode set; Herbert Rideout, silver knives and forks; Miss Anna Salomon, silver tea spoons; Miss Wilma Salomon, cream pitcher; Elkins & King, water set; Wurtzweiler & Thompson, tea set; C. L. Saloman, mowing machine; Mrs. C. L. Saloman, table linen; I. L. Ketchum purse of one hundred dollars; Mrs. I. L. Ketchum, bed spread and blanket.

Historical Society Quarterly.

The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society for March, 1901, has been received. This is the first number of Vol. 2. Its contents are as follows: Political History of Oregon from 1855 to 1865, by Hon. George H. Williams. Flotsam and Jetsom of the Pacific. The Owyhee, the Sultana and the May Dacre, by Mrs. Frances Fuller Victor. The vessels referred to entered the Columbia river between 1829 and 1844. An Historical Survey of Public Education in Eugene, Oregon, by Joseph Schafer. The Aurora Community by H. S. Lyman. All these articles are of vital interest to every one who cares to know anything about the beginnings of things in our State. The object of this publication is to create an interest in the study of Oregon History and thereby assist in order to stimulate growth in everything pertaining to the welfare of the State. Address all inquiries about this publication to Geo. H. Himes, Assistant Secretary, Oregon Historical Society rooms, City Hall, Portland, Oregon.

A reward of \$350 is being offered for the arrest and conviction of M. D. Landis, the supposed murderer of Jesse B. Eudaily at Cedar Point, Coos county. Landis was formerly in the employ of the Home Comfort Steel Range Company.

GENERAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There.

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges, News Notes of the Week, Timely Topics.

John A. Van Gross, a student of the University of Oregon, has just received notice that he has been awarded a scholarship in Yale university.

Mrs. E. Irwin has commenced suit against the city of Lebanon for the sum of \$3250 for injuries alleged to have been sustained by falling through a defective sidewalk.

Dr. J. R. Bayley, one of the pioneer doctors of Oregon, died at his home in Newport last week. Since 1858 Dr. Bayley had been a successful practitioner and influential citizen of this state.

T. S. Lippy, the Klondike millionaire, asserts that the output of gold from the Klondike this season will be \$30,000,000. He also thinks the Cape Nome region will send out a large quantity of gold.

H. S. Mult, city treasurer of Lebanon, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth last Saturday. He had been in poor health for about six months, and his rash deed was the result of despondency.

Lightship No. 50 was successfully floated at Fort Canby, Wash. last week. She will be brought to Astoria and proceed to Portland where she will be thoroughly overhauled and outfitted preparatory to being returned to her station off the mouth of the Columbia river.

Thursday, May 23, C. A. Burkley sent out a train load of sheep direct to the Chicago market, which makes the second train load of sheep sent out of Grass Valley during the past six days. Government Inspector, Col. Malone of Montana, was on hand—Grass Valley Journal.

Some parties were seen on Sunday last dynamiting fish in a hole on Deep creek. Happily they had their trouble for their pains, for being discovered just as the shot was fired they had to flee in order to avoid having their identity disclosed. Mr. Geo. Young, whose men made the discovery, as well as Fred, say they will make it interesting for the guilty parties if they are ever caught. And both father and son are terribly in earnest.—Shaniko Leader.

Opinions have been asked of leading Portland attorneys relative to the constitutionality of the new law providing for the sale of delinquent tax property to which counties have acquired title. Though the county holds several years' taxes against the property, the law provides that in the required sale of it but one year's taxes shall be demanded. The opinions will be awaited with interest.—Grass Valley Journal.